THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) No. Sir. However, certain amount of handicap is possible.

(b) The Port Trust has sent a proposal for recruitment of additional staff, which is under active consideration of the Government.

News-item regarding river waters unfit for drinking

989. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press news-item captioned "13 river waters unfit for drinking" as reported in the Pioneer dated 20th October, 1995;

(b) if so, whether as per-feasibility findings by National River Action Plan, the water of most of the rivers in the country is polluted; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to make the rivers pollution free?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) The Government has launched the 'National River Conservation Plan' in July, 1995 as a centrally sponsored scheme on equal cost sharing basis on capital works between the Central and the State Governments at an estimated outlay of Rs. 772 crores to be spread over a period of ten years. Under the plan, the city sewage of the identified towns shall be intercepted, diverted and treated before discharge into the river besides taking up works of low cost sanitation, improved wood based crematoria, river front development and solid waste disposal. Public participation shall be sought through voluntary organisations/Non-Governmental Organisations and by constituting citizens monitoring committees in each town.

Telephone Facilities in Chittor District of Andhra Pradesh

990. SHRI MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have contemplated any programme to expand telecom facilities in Chittor district in Andhra Pradesh during 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of new lines proposed to be opened in Chittor district in Andhra Pradesh in 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) the details of expansion of telephone lines are as per Statement (*See* below). The number of new lines being planned to meet the waiting list as on 31.3.1996 are subject to availability of equipment and other resources.

Statement

Tentative plan for Chittor District in Andhra Pradesh for 1996-97

S.No.	Place	Expansion/ Addition of telephone lines
1.	Chittor	2000
2.	Ekambarakuppam	400
3.	Kuppam	576
4.	Mandanapalli	1168
5.	Pakala	520
6.	Piler	424
7.	Punganur	464

S.No.	Place	Expansion/ Addition of telephone lines
8.	Puttur	320
9.	Venkatagirikota	512
10.	Tirupathi	
11.	Tirumala	5000
12.	Renugunta	
	Total	11384

कतिपय शीतल पेय कंपनियों के विरुद्ध शिकायतें

991. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या **खाद्य प्रसंस्करण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार की विदेशी कंपनियों द्वारा निर्मित लहर पेप्सी, माजा, और लिम्का जैसे घटिया क्वालिटी के शीतल पेयों का उत्पादन दिए जाने के संबंध में शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०पी० सिंह देव): (क) से (ग) शिकायतें प्राप्त होने पर फल उत्पाद आदेश 1955 के उपबन्धों के अनुसार कार्रवाई की जाती है। पिछले साल इन इत्पादों की गुणवत्ता के बारे में चार शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई थीं। जांच करने पर पता चला कि शिकायतों में जिन लाइसेंसधारी निर्माताओं के नाम दिए गए थे उन्होंने उन उत्पादों का निर्माण नहीं किया था। निरीक्षण और सामान्य तौर पर नमूना लेने के दौरान इन लाइसेंस धारियों द्वारा बनाए गए उत्पादों की गुणवत्ता फल उत्पाद आदेश-1955 में दिए गए उत्पाद विनिर्देशों के अनुसार पाई गई।

Meeting of Foreign Ministers of G-77 Countries

992. SHRI RAJUBAHI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether participating in the deliberations of the meeting of Foreign Ministers of G-77 group of developing countries, he criticised on the notion that developing countries cannot be treated as a group of countries with common interests, problems and concern and appealed to the developed countries to recognise the developing countries as a group sharing substantially common problems and concerns; and

(b) if so, what were the main observations and suggestions made at the meeting and the outcome of deliberations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The relevant extracts from the Speech of the Minister of External Affairs at the Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of G-77 Group of developing countries held at New York in Sepatember 1995 are reproduced below:—

> "It is being argued that because the developing countries, which now number more than 130, have in the past forty years progressed differently in terms of economic growth global competitivenes and integration, they cannot be dealt with as a group for purposes of development cooperation by the international community. Hence, the proposal is to not only categorise developing countries according to different criteria of income and growth but to in fact "individualise" the development cooperation approach to each developing country, whether it is in terms of aid or trade treatment. Linked to this individualisation is the concept of wide-ranging policy conditionalities being applied, including those that are non-economic. the accent on efficient reallocation and utilisation of resources whilst considered desirable by developing countries themselves, reinforces the trend towards constricting additional, new and substantial flow of resources —through trade, financial and technology transfers—to developing countries.
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> "The fact that we, as developing